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March 7th, 1848.

DR. BRIDGES in the Chair.

Dr. Morton read a communication from the Rev. Dr. Bachman, of Charleston, S. C., entitled, "Notes on the generation of the Virginian Opossum (*Didelphus Virginiana*);" which was referred to the following Committee: Dr. Morton, Dr. Leidy, and Dr. Hallowell.

Mr. Pierce stated to the Society, that within the last week, he had had an opportunity of seeing several interesting specimens of a hybrid between the Guinea and the Peacock. They were the property of a farmer residing near Phoenixville, in this State, were about four months old, and possessed in a marked degree the distinctive characters of both parents. He expressed a hope of being enabled to obtain one or more of them for the Society's collections.

March 21st, 1848.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

A letter was read from Sir Michael Faraday, dated Royal Institution, London, 24th February, 1848, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

Dr. Hallowell read a paper, entitled "Descriptions of two new species of *Onychocephalus* from the Western Coast of Africa;" and also communicated some "Notes of the post mortem appearance of a *Cynocephalus papion*, which died at the Menagerie in Philadelphia." Both of which papers were referred to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Leidy, Dr. Morton, and Dr. Wilson.

Dr. Leidy presented a communication from Prof. Haldeman, describing numerous species of *Aphedius*, and designed as a supplement to his Entomological papers, read at previous meetings of the Society, and reported for publication in the next number of the Journal. Referred to the Committee on the former papers.

April 4th, 1848.

MR. PHILLIPS in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Savage, addressed to Dr. Hallowell, dated Natchez, Mississippi, March 10th, 1848, desiring numbers of the Proceedings in which he was deficient, and in relation to a communication which he had transmitted for publication in the Proceedings, on the habits of some of the Reptilia of Western Africa.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the "Société Imperiale des Naturalistes de Moscou," dated Moscow, May, 1847, accompanying the donation of the Numbers of the Bulletin of the Society, announced this evening.

The Rev. Dr. Bachman communicated, through Dr. Morton, some